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Mon, Dec. 30

Important Dates



Tues., Dec. 31

Wed., Jan. 1 ● New Years Day

**1994 Zapatista revolutionaries
declare war on Mexican Gov.
seize towns & free prisoners**

**2020 Kwanzaa - 7th day
Imani (Faith)**

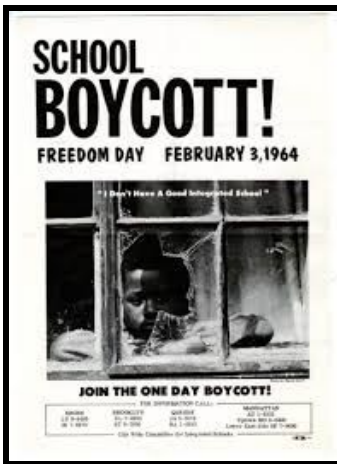
Important Dates

Thur., Jan. 2

Perihelion - earth closest to sun

**1978 Wahpekute Native American
tribe wins settlement for illegal
land seizure in 1880's**

**1964 450,000 public school students
strike in NYC to protest segregation
and poverty.**



Fri., Jan. 3

Sat., Jan. 4

Sun., Jan. 5

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Mon, Jan. 6

Important Dates

1936 Louise Bryant, American feminist, political activist and journalist dies. Wife of John Reed.

Tues., Jan. 7

1891 Zora Neale Hurston born African American writer and folklorist.

Wed., Jan. 8

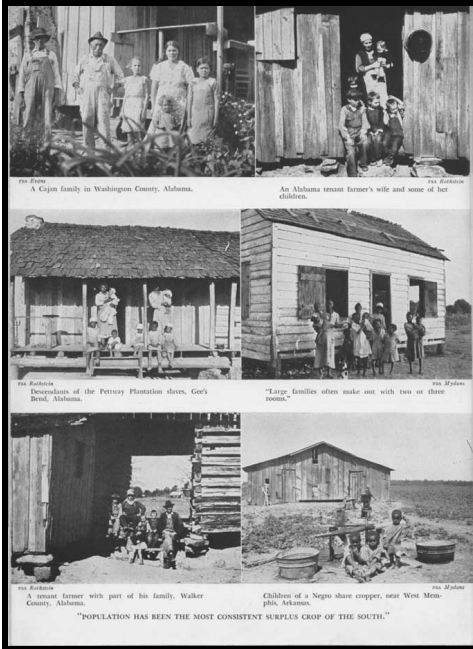
1988 100 farmers in Novartif France destroy \$1million worth of genetic modified crops .

1920 395,000 steelworkers strike with the aid from the AFL Iron & Steel Organizing Comm.

Important Dates

Thur., Jan. 9

**1939 Southern Tenant Farmers
Union leads 1,700 tenant families
in Missouri highway sit-down**



Fri., Jan. 10

Sat., Jan. 11

Sun., Jan. 12

**1912 IWW's Bread & Roses Strike
begins in Lawrence, MA textile mills**

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Mon, Jan. 13

Important Dates

Tues., Jan. 14

Wed., Jan. 15



Rosa Luxemburg
founder of the Spartacus
League, is murdered by the
German Social Democratic
government.

Important Dates



**1893 Queen Lili'uokalani, Hawaii's
last monarch, is overthrown by
American colonists**

**1993 Native Hawaiians demonstrate
against US control of their homeland**

Sat., Jan. 18

Thur., Jan. 16

Fri., Jan. 17

Sun., Jan. 19

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Mon, Jan. 20 ● MLK Day

Important Dates

1973 Amílcar Cabral, a communist guerrilla leader of Guinea-Bissau's anti-colonial movement against the Portuguese is assassinated

Tues., Jan. 21

1924 Vladimir Lenin dies

1977 Jimmy Carter issues unconditional pardon to draft resisters

1938 Emma Tenayuca leads pecan shellers strike in San Antonio, Texas

Wed., Jan. 22

1932 500 New York City tenants battle police to prevent eviction



Important Dates

Thur., Jan. 23

1849 Elizabeth Blackwell becomes first woman in US to receive medical degree

Fri., Jan. 24



Sat., Jan. 25

Sun., Jan. 26

1851 Sojourner Truth addresses first Black Women's Rights Convention, Akron, Ohio

Mon, Jan. 27

Important Dates

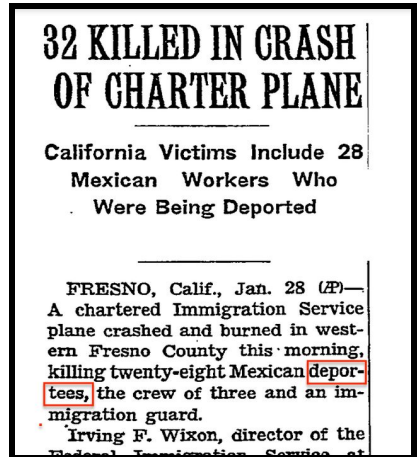
1924 Lenin's funeral takes place in Red Square

1734 NYC maids organize to improve working conditions

1969 Detroit auto workers lead wildcat strike against racism and bad working conditions

Tues., Jan. 28

1948 A plane crash kills 28 bracero farm workers being sent back to Mexico.



Wed., Jan. 29

1889 6,000 railway workers strike for union and end of 18-hour day

Important Dates

Thur., Jan. 30

**1993 300,000 Berliners rally against
attacks on immigrants**

Fri., Jan. 31

Sat., Feb. 1

Sun., Feb. 2 ● Groundhog Day

**1902 Langston Hughes, born,
African American author**

Imperialism in Hawaii sparks protest By Mark Maxey

“14 million rounds a year spew into the vast Hawaii area of Pohakuloa¹” Danny Li, told the students on July 5, 2018. The People’s School of Marx-Lenin Study (PSMLS) had a full class that night as Li talked on the imperialistic militarization happening currently in Hawaii. “Through the Freedom of Information Act, they did uncover active uranium waste being left exposed,” Li said. Several Indigenous groups² have sprung up in protests recently over this issue in Hawaii

Li taught the class as a guest lecturer and spoke specifically on the RIMPAC 2018 exercises. RIMPAC Facebook pages say, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC³) is the world's largest multinational maritime exercise and it occurs every two years on and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. Its mission is to be the world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2018 is the 26th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

Li stated, “it is the most insidious military activity happening without much media or tourists knowledge. Since after World War 2, America has treated the Pacific Ocean by Hawaii as their own personal lake.” He went on to include the lost knowledge that Hawaii was illegally annexed⁴ to the US in 1898. This is yet another example of the gross imperialism of the United States. Imperialism is a policy of extending a country's power and influence through diplomacy or military force. The US is trying to woo China with inclusion in this year’s military exercises, CNN⁵ reports. But was disinvited due to their militarization of islands off the South China Sea. Though some local Indigenous Hawaiians openly oppose the RIMPAC training.

One such local groups are the DMZ Hawaii⁶. DMZ Hawai’i / Aloha ‘Aina is a network of organizations and individuals working to counter the military’s negative social, cultural and environmental impacts in Hawai’i.

¹ <https://rense.com/general78/hawa.htm>

² <http://protect-hawaii.webstarts.com/toxic-hawaii.html>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/RimofthePacific/>

⁴ <https://goo.gl/GvZDGt>

⁵ <https://goo.gl/LCPNAj>

⁶ http://www.dmzhawaii.org/?page_id=10936

Eight activists⁷ from the International Women's Network Against Militarism (IWNAM⁸) and its O'ahu-based Hawai'i chapter, Women's Voices Women Speak (WVWS⁹) visited Hawai'i Island from February 16-18, 2018 to witness and protest the ongoing use of Hawaiian land for live-fire military training at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA). WVWS Facebook page¹⁰ also has very useful related information. Cultural Survival¹¹ stated militarism and colonialism are inseparable forces which have shaped modern Hawai'i. Over a hundred years since the U.S. military participated in the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1893, militarism continues to distort the cultural and political environment like a magnet pulling at particles of iron. Militarism in Hawai'i is the product of "manifest destiny," the racist ideology which drove the U.S. expansion into the Pacific and the Caribbean in the nineteenth century.

Li also spoke briefly on the implications from the Smith Act¹². Let's be honest, under the manifest destiny¹³ rule of our government, and with white supremacy raising up under nationalism, being a communist might bring added stressors. Attorney General Jeff Sessions¹⁴ latest remarks reflect that this theory is still in the purview of our government. It was not that long ago that the Smith Act swooped up many low key minor players in communism in America. Many communists were brought to trial¹⁵. Li concluded the talk speaking of the UN 1990's Decade¹⁶ of the Indigenous¹⁷ people. It is the hope of the instructors of PSMLS and PCUSA to educate its members so they are better equipped to fight imperialism. Locally one can also help by talking to peers and others about how the Indigenous culture of Hawaii does not want RIMPAC to happen on their islands.

You can re-listen to the July 5th class with Danny Li here¹⁸.

⁷ <https://goo.gl/RgzVY2>

⁸ <http://iwnam.org/>

⁹ <http://wvws808.blogspot.com/>

¹⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/wvws808/>

¹¹ <https://goo.gl/Zs6dGp>

¹² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smith_Act

¹³ <https://goo.gl/9XWN53>

¹⁴ <https://goo.gl/gzLhiu>

¹⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smith_Act_trials_of_Communist_Party_leaders

¹⁶ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1468-0130.2006.00342.x>

¹⁷ <https://goo.gl/X7Cwmi>

¹⁸ <https://fcdl.in/Qf00haf0cp>

Mon, Feb. 3

Tues., Feb. 4

Wed., Feb. 5

Important Dates

**1977 Chicago secretaries protest
after Iris Rivera loses job for
to make coffee**

**1969 The Palestine National
Congress appoints Yasser
Arafat chairman of the PLO**



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Important Dates

Thur., Feb. 6

Fri., Feb. 7

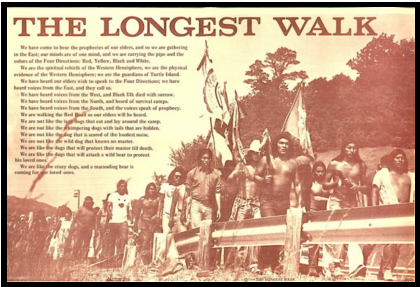
Sat., Feb. 8

Sun., Feb. 9

**1919 General Strike in Butte,
Montana, over \$1/day wage cut**

Mon, Feb. 10

Important Dates



1978 Longest Walk begins with 300 Native Americans from San Francisco to Washington, DC

1916 Florynce Kennedy, born feminist lawyer, street theatre performer for sex rights workers



Wed., Feb. 12

1887 US railroad workers begin strikes protesting wage cuts

Important Dates

Thur., Feb. 13

Fri., Feb. 14 ● Valentines Day

Sat., Feb. 15

Sun., Feb. 16

**1916 Emma Goldman jailed for
lecturing on birth control in NYC**

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Mon, Feb. 17

Important Dates

**1942 Huey P. Newton, born,
co-founder Black Panther Party**

**1851 Black crowd liberates
ex-slave Frederick Jenkins from
Boston Prison**

Tues., Feb. 18

Wed., Feb. 19

Important Dates

Thur., Feb. 20

Fri., Feb. 21



Sat., Feb. 22

Sun., Feb. 23

**1876 Gertrude Bonnin (Red Bird) born
Sioux activist, aka Zitkala-Sha**

Mon, Feb. 24

Tues., Feb. 25

Wed., Feb. 26

Important Dates



**1881 William Z. Foster, born
Taunton, MA, General Secretary
of the Communist Party USA
1945-1957**

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Important Dates

Thur., Feb. 27

**2011 Protests force new Tunisian
Prime Minister from power**

Fri., Feb. 28

**1921 Sailors at Kronstadt revolt
against Bolsheviks**

**1921 Salvadoran shoemakers win
strike for higher wages**

Sat., Feb. 29

Sun., Mar. 1

**1971 Weather Underground
bomb US Capitol building**

US Denounces Human Rights by Mark Maxey

“I want to make it crystal clear that this step is not a retreat from human rights commitments,” US Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley, told the media. “On the contrary, we take this step because our commitment does not allow us to remain a part of a hypocritical and self-serving organization that makes a mockery of human rights.”

This was a joint statement made by Haley and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, on why the United States was removing themselves from the UN Human Rights Council, in June 2018. The Council was established in 2006.

“Let me be crystal clear, the US has been, always been, an abuser of human rights. Their manifest destiny themed ideology has crucified, burned, and killed persons of color since 1776,” Mark Maxey, National Coordinator for Movement 4 People’s Democracy said.

Trump’s disastrous immigration policy of today reflects the same ideology that has been deployed as a weapon against Indigenous cultures from the 1600s to the present. He denounces immigrants as rapists, killers, and animals—implying they must all come from an inferior culture. When his supporters claim that detained children are better off in detention than they were with their parents, the belief in (white) American society’s superiority is on full display.

Early reformers used their religious beliefs to justify their Manifest Destiny perspective. It overflowed into Congress, which passed Manifest Destiny-themed bills. Indigenous people, meanwhile, were on the receiving end of this religious zealotry. Rape, abuse, kidnap, murder, and genocide were the end results for them. The recent quoting of Biblical scripture by Attorney General Jeff Sessions to justify the stealing of immigrant children from their parents shows that this ideology is still very much alive among at least some sectors of the U.S. government.

Capitalism is still playing into the mythology of white Manifest Destiny, which goes back to the earliest colonial settlements. Trump’s policies are aimed at stoking the racist anger and resentment of his mass base, but

they reflect the interests of the same oligarchy that Sen. Bernie Sanders assailed in his bid for the presidency. In every way, the current administration's policies show favoritism to those at the top and seek any way possible to divide those outside the ranks of the super-wealthy.

The US Congress, and the whole government, is out of touch with reality. As it relates to Human Rights. "The UN Human Rights Council has always been a problem. Instead of focusing on real human-rights issues, the council has used its time and resources to bully Israel and question Israel's legitimacy as a sovereign state," Rep. Eliot Engel, the ranking Democratic member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, said in a statement June 2018.. "But the way to deal with this challenge is to remain engaged and work with partners to push for change.

Let's talk openly and honestly about Palestine and Israel. Just look at these images on how Israel has usurped and stolen land from the Palestinian people. Israel has used the same manifest destiny ideology to go above and beyond the UN agreement signed in 1947. No wonder the US is in agreement with Israel, just ask any Indigenous Nation with a Treaty signed by the US and not followed by the US.

The struggles of the Palestinian people is real. A heavy aura of Zionist oppression was felt when I was in Palestine 2016. Ironical that in such a place where human history of a love revolution from God took place, such chaos explodes across the pristine landscape.

In 1947 the boundaries set in agreement with the Jewish Nation and Palestine gave well-defined area of ownership of land for the Palestinians. However, through the years Israel has encroached and usurped land illegally from the Palestinians. Presently the map reflects 75% less than given by the UN in 1947. "Let's be honest, this present situation (Al-Aqsa) is about occupation," Imam Imad Enchassi says. "The Palestinians desire their own recognized state. One man, one vote."

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Theodor Herzl, the father of political Zionism, outlined his vision for a Jewish state in his publication called *Der Judenstaat* (The Jewish State), published in February 1896.

Ralph Schoenman, in his book, *The Hidden History of Zionism*, says, “the objective of Zionism has never been merely to colonize Palestine - as was the goal of classical colonial and imperial movements during the 19th and 20th centuries. The design of European colonialism in Africa and Asia was, essentially, to exploit indigenous peoples as cheap labor while extracting natural resources for exorbitant profit.” You can read the full book online [here](#). This ideology was set forth in 1896 by Herzl. It became reality in 1947. Taking 51 years of indoctrination to see the rise of this racist mentality become a government of oppression, Israel. I am not being anti-Semitic because Zionism is a nationalist mentality, not a race of persons nor a religion. Zionism again is no different than the current rise of alt-right nationalism under the Trump administration.

President Trump heralds a new deal with relationships with Israel. Trump's administration clearly impedes upon the democracy Palestine seeks. It is preferential treatment against the victims (Palestine) from the oppression heavily used by the Israeli government.

While in Palestine (West Bank) June 2015 for two weeks I saw how Israel's occupation impacts human rights for Palestinians. Israel controls their movement, right to travel, water supply, and the building of their homes. This heavy handed oppression by Israel fuels the anger Palestinians have. Many Palestinian Muslims approached me with smiles thanking me for coming. But they all said, “Please tell your government not to fund weapons used against us.” America gives Israel approximately 40 Billion dollars a year. The travel of any Palestinians is maniacally controlled by the IDF. Sometimes IDF holds Palestinians up to 12 hours to simply walk to Jerusalem (less than a mile) to purchase food.

I witnessed the IDF bring bulldozers inside Palestine, West Bank. The reason was stated no building permit was issued, while the Palestinian was waving his permit in the air. The Palestinians are defenseless against the martial law enforced by Israel. Palestinians are denied a nation and

citizenship rights by the Zionist policies of the Israeli government.

“The council ceases to be worthy of its name,” US Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley said, explaining the U.S. withdrawal. “Such a council in fact damages the cause of human rights.” What a line of bull manure that is. The US damages the cause of human rights daily.

Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, said the U.S. focus on Israel’s treatment has actually caused American officials to lose sight of the good work the council has done elsewhere.

“The U.N. Human Rights Council has played an important role in such countries as North Korea, Syria, Myanmar and South Sudan, but all Trump seems to care about is defending Israel,” Roth said in a statement to NPR. “Like last time when the U.S. government stepped away from the Council for similar reasons, other governments will have to redouble their efforts to ensure the Council addresses the world’s most serious human rights problems.”

And Richard Gowan, a fellow at New York University’s Center on International Cooperation, told NPR’s Michele Kelemen that there is another potential issue muddying the waters of this decision: the recent condemnations leveled at the Trump administration’s immigration policies by international human-rights officials.

In a span of less than two months, U.S. officials have separated some 2,300 children from their parents after they crossed the border into the U.S., according to the Department of Homeland Security. And the administration’s policy has attracted a sharp rebuke from the U.N. high commissioner on human rights, Zeid Raad al-Hussein. “The thought that any State would seek to deter parents by inflicting such abuse on children is unconscionable,” Raad al-Hussein said Monday, in comments opening the 38th session of the Human Rights Council. <https://goo.gl/P4Kw9Y>

Mon, Mar. 2

Important Dates

**1992 Rally against ethnic bar-
ricades, Sarajevo, Bosnia**



Tues., Mar. 3 ● Intl. Sex Workers Rights Day

**1871 US Congress makes all
Native Americans wards of the
state and tries to nulify all of
the treaties**

Wed., Mar. 4

Important Dates

**1917 Trial of 74 IWW members begins
for murder connected to free speech
fight, Seattle**

Thur., Mar. 5

**1965 Civil Rights March begins
from Selma to Montgomery**

**1996 Hundreds demonstrate for an
end to all violence, Palestine**

Fri., Mar. 6

Sat., Mar. 7

**1860 6,000 shoemakers joined by
20,000 others on strike in Lynn, MA**

**Sun., Mar. 8 ● Daylight Savings
● International Womens's Day**

Mon, Mar. 9

Tues., Mar. 10

Wed., Mar. 11

Important Dates

2013 Police kill Kimani “Kiki” Grey in East Flatbush Brooklyn sparking rebellion

1917 Russian troops mutiny after Tzar orders them to attack revolutionaries

1912 23,000 textiles workers strike in Lawrence, MA

Important Dates

Thur., Mar. 12



**1988 500 Palestinian police resign
in protest of Israeli policies in
occupied territory**

Fri., Mar. 13

**2009 Oakland activist Tristan Anderson
shot in head by Israeli army during
protest in Palestine**

Sat., Mar. 14

Sun., Mar. 15

1883 Karl Marx dies in London

**1845 Engels publishes *The Working
Class in England***

Mon, Mar. 16

Important Dates

1967 Alice Herz immolates her-
self to protest Vietnam War

Tues., Mar. 17 ● St. Patrick’s Day

Wed., Mar. 18

2018 Stephon Clark killed by
Sacramento Police in his
grandmother's backyard

Important Dates

Thur., Mar. 19

Fri., Mar. 20 ● Vernal Equinox

Sat., Mar. 21

Sun., Mar. 22

1970 First Earth Day

Mon, Mar. 23

Important Dates

- 1967 Che Guevera starts guerrilla warfare in Bolivia**
- 1918 Trial of 101 Wobblies for opposition to WWI begins**

Tues., Mar. 24

- 1999 US/NATO starts bombing Yugoslavia for 78 days. First time NATO attacked a Sovereign nation**
- 1987 First demonstration of ACT UP, pioneering direct action AIDS organization. Motto SILENCE=DEATH**

Wed., Mar. 25



Important Dates

Thur., Mar. 26

Fri., Mar. 27

Sat., Mar. 28

Sun., Mar. 29

Mon, Mar. 30

Important Dates

Tues., Mar. 31

Wed., Apr. 1 ● Aprils Fools Day

**1649 Poor farmers begin digging
St. George’s Hill in Surrey, first
act of DIGGERS, demanding
abolishment of property and
wages**

Right to work - The Issue That Refuses to Die!

A historical perspective

Phoenix-like, "right-to-work" measures have again surfaced in state Legislatures, with 25 states now passing RTW legislation. RTW provisions were made possible by amending Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act. Such measures are designed to prohibit employers from negotiating union security clauses by which all who benefit from union bargaining agreements pay their share of the costs involved in the union's legal obligation to represent all workers.

Congressman Steve King (R-IA) and Joe Wilson (R-SC) have introduced National Right to Work legislation that would make "RtW the law in all fifty states. The bill has not yet been assigned a number. If it passes it will be the death blow to organized labor in the United States. Congressman King has also introduced HR 743, the Repeal Davis-Bacon Act which would repeal prevailing wages on Federal projects. This has been federal law since 1931. .

The words "right-to-work" carry the emotional freight that one attributes to the personal guarantees associated with the Bill of Rights. In reality, RtW has nothing to do with the idea that one has a right to a job.

The phrase "right-to-work" has been found to be so misleading and confusing, that in 1954 the Supreme Court of Idaho refused to permit the term to be part of the title on an initiative measure proposed to voters in that state.

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that workers cannot be legally required to join a union as part of the collective bargaining agreement. In addition (1988), a union cannot require a non-union member to pay for any union activity that is "unrelated to collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment." Labor organizations, however,

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have long viewed those who do not share in the burden of collective representation at the workplace as freeloaders.

Taft-Hartley or 'Slave Labor Act'

Twelve years after the passage of the National Labor Relations Act (1935) which served as the “Magna Carta” of the American labor movement, the “right-to work” sentiment flowered with the passage of the Taft-Hartley law in 1947. Taft-Hartley restrained the collective strength of workers by, for example, prohibiting sympathy strikes, secondary boycotts, and secondary picketing, banned the closed shop and permitted states to ban the union shop by enacting “right-to-work” legislation. From the day of its enactment, organized labor referred to the Taft-Hartley law it as “The Slave Labor Act,” and consistently fought for its repeal.



Important Dates

**1970 3rd Occupation of Ft. Lawton
for land return by Native Americans**

Thur., Apr. 2

Fri., Apr. 3

Sat., Apr. 4

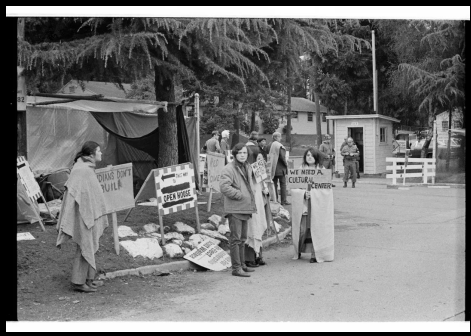
Sun., Apr. 5

1980 Earth First founded

**1968 Dr. Martin Luther King is
assassinated**

1976 Tiananmen Square - Beijing

1856 Booker T. Washington born



Mon, Apr. 6

Tues., Apr. 7 ● World Health Day

Wed., Apr. 8

Important Dates

**1882 Rose Schneiderman, born,
organized International Ladies
Garment Workers Union**



Important Dates

**1898 Paul Robeson born,
African American singer and leftist**



**1930 Dolores Huerta born, Latina
labor activist and founder of the
United Farm Worker Union - UFWU**

**1919 Emiliano Zapata, Mexican
revolutionary assassinated by
the government**

Sat., Apr. 11

Thur., Apr. 9

Fri., Apr. 10

Sun., Apr. 12

**1937 Dennis Banks born, AIM
co-founder**

Mon, Apr. 13

Important Dates

1570 Guy Fawkes born, planned failed Gunpowder Plot

1920 General strike by half a million workers in Italy

Tues., Apr. 14

1775 First abolition society is formed in North America in Philadelphia

1919 Seattle Longshoremen 34 day strike

Wed., Apr. 15 ● World Art Day



1936 The Great Revolt begins Palestine against the British, Zionism, lasting 3 years

Important Dates

1963 Dr. Martin Luther King writes his letter from Birmingham jail



1961 Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba

1965 Protesters march in Wash. DC against Vietnam War, organized by Students Organized for a Democratic Society

Sat., Apr. 18

1857 Clarence Darrow born, labor lawyer, and ACLU leader

Thur., Apr. 16

Fri., Apr. 17

Sun., Apr. 19

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Mon, Apr. 20 ● 420 Day

Important Dates

1985 250,000 march in Washington to protest US policy in Central America

Tues., Apr. 21

571 Prophet Muhammad born in Makkah



Wed., Apr. 22 ● Adm. Asst. Day ● Earth Day

1870 V. I. Lenin is born

1944 Sit-In by 200 blacks result desegregation in Washington, DC



Important Dates

**1968 Columbia Univ. students take dean
hostage and seize building**



**1812 2 teenage girls lead a successful
mob attack on a mill in Bolton, England**

Sat., Apr. 25

**1993 1 million march in Washington
DC for LGBTQ+ rights**

Thur., Apr. 23

Fri., Apr. 24 ● Ramadan

Sun., Apr. 26

Mon, Apr. 27

Important Dates

Tues., Apr. 28

1908 Oskar Schindler born, who saved 1200 Jews from Holocaust

1942 1,200 Berkeley residents of Japanese descent report for transport to internment camp

Wed., Apr. 29



International Workers' Day, also known as Workers' Day, May Day or Labour Day in some countries[and often referred to as May Day, is a celebration of labourers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement which occurs every year on May Day (1 May), an ancient European spring festival.

The date was chosen by a pan-national organization of socialist and communist political parties to commemorate the Haymarket affair, which occurred in Chicago on 4 May 1886. The 1904 Sixth Conference of the Second International, called on "all Social Democratic Party organisations and trade unions of all countries to demonstrate energetically on the First of May for the legal establishment of the 8-hour day, for the class demands of the proletariat, and for universal peace."

The first of May is a national public holiday in many countries worldwide, in most cases as "Labour Day", "International Workers' Day" or some similar name - although some countries celebrate a Labour Day on other dates significant to them, such as the United States, which celebrates Labor Day on the first Monday of September.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labour movements grew, a variety of days were chosen by trade unionists as a day to celebrate labour. In the United States and Canada, a September holiday, called Labor or Labour Day, was first proposed in the 1880s. In 1882, Matthew Maguire, a machinist, first proposed a Labor Day holiday on the first Monday of September while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York. Others argue that it was first proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labour festival held in Toronto, Canada. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty US states officially celebrated Labor Day. Thus by 1887 in North America, Labour Day was an established, official holiday but in September, not on 1 May.

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1 May was chosen to be International Workers' Day to commemorate the 1886 Haymarket affair in Chicago. In that year beginning on 1 May, there was a general strike for the eight-hour workday. On 4 May, the police acted to disperse a public assembly in support of the strike when an unidentified person threw a bomb. The police responded by firing on the workers. The event led to the death of eight and injury of sixty police officers as well as an unknown number of civilian killed or wounded. Hundreds of labour leaders and sympathizers were later rounded-up and four were executed by hanging, after a trial that was seen as a miscarriage of justice. The following day on 5 May in Milwaukee Wisconsin, the state militia fired on a crowd of strikers killing seven, including a schoolboy and a man feeding chickens in his yard.

In 1889, a meeting in Paris was held by the first congress of the Second International, following a proposal by Raymond Lavigne that called for international demonstrations on the 1890 anniversary of the Chicago protests. May Day was formally recognized as an annual event at the International's second congress in 1891. Subsequently, the May Day riots of 1894 occurred. The International Socialist Congress, Amsterdam 1904 called on "all Social Democratic Party organisations and trade unions of all countries to demonstrate energetically on the First of May for the legal establishment of the 8-hour day, for the class demands of the proletariat, and for universal peace." The congress made it "mandatory upon the proletarian organisations of all countries to stop work on 1 May, wherever it is possible without injury to the workers."

May Day has been a focal point for demonstrations by various socialist, communist and anarchist groups since the Second International. May Day is one of the most important holidays in communist countries such as the People's Republic of China, North Korea, Cuba and the former Soviet Union countries. May Day celebrations in these countries typically feature elaborate workforce parades, including displays of military hardware and soldiers.

In 1955, the Catholic Church dedicated 1 May to "Saint Joseph the Worker".

Saint Joseph is the patron saint of workers and craftsmen, among others.

During the Cold War, May Day became the occasion for large military parades in Red Square by the Soviet Union and attended by the top leaders of the Kremlin, especially the Politburo, atop Lenin's Mausoleum. It became an enduring symbol of that period.

Today, the majority of countries around the world celebrate a workers' day on 1 May.

The 8-hour day movement which directly gave birth to May Day, must, however, be traced to the general movement initiated in the United States in 1884. However, a generation before a national labor organization, which at first gave great promise of developing into a militant organizing center of the American working class, took up the question of a shorter workday and proposed to organize a broad movement in its behalf. The first years of the Civil War, 1861-1862, saw the disappearance of the few national trade unions which had been formed just before the war began, especially the Molders' Union and the Machinists' and Blacksmiths' Union. The years immediately following, however, witnessed the unification on a national scale of a number of local labor organizations, and the urge for a national federation of all these unions became apparent. On August 20, 1866, there gathered in Baltimore delegates from three scores of trade unions who formed the National Labor Union. The movement for the national organization was led by William H. Sylvvis, the leader of the reconstructed Molders' Union, who, although a young man, was the outstanding figure in the labor movement of those years. Sylvvis was in correspondence with the leaders of the First International in London and helped to influence the National Labor Union to establish relations with the General Council of the International.

It was at the founding convention of the National Labor Union in 1866 that the following resolution was passed dealing with the shorter workday:

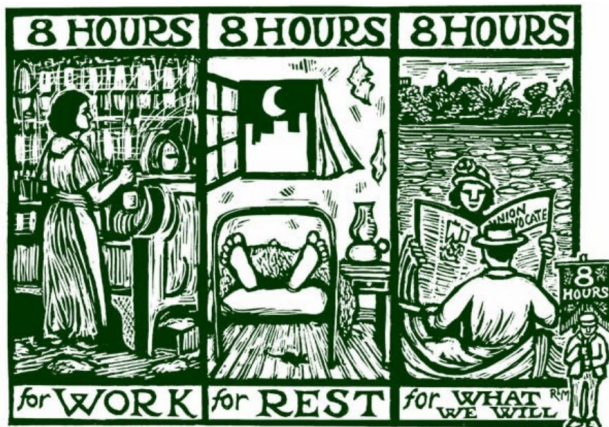
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The first and great necessity of the present, to free labor of this country from capitalist slavery, is the passing of a law by which 8 hours shall be the normal working day in all states in the American union. We are resolved to put forth all our strength until this glorious result is attained.

The same convention voted for independent political action in connection with the securing of the legal enactment of the 8-hour day and the “election of men pledged to sustain and represent the interests of the industrial classes.”

The program and policies of the early labor movement, although primitive and not always sound, were based, nevertheless, on healthy proletarian instinct and could have served as starting points for the development of a genuine revolutionary labor movement in this country were it not for the reformist misleaders and capitalist politicians who later infested the labor organizations and directed them in wrong channels. Thus 65 years ago, the national organization of American labor, the N. L. U., expressed itself against “capitalist slavery” and for independent political action.

Eight-hour leagues were formed as a result of the agitation of the National Labor Union; and through the political activity which the organization developed, several state governments adopted the 8-hour day on public work and the U. S. Congress enacted a similar law in 1868.



Important Dates

Thur., Apr. 30

Fri., May 1 ● May Day

Sat., May 2

Sun., May 3

Mon, May 4

Important Dates

1970 National Guard open fires at a Kent State protest against Vietnam War, killing 4

1886 Hayhurst Square in Chicago, burned during a rally for 8-hour day work day

Tues., May 5

1818 Karl Marx born

1966 Jit Poumisak, Thai Marxist poet & revolutionary, is killed after retreating to the jungle with the outlawed Communist Party

Wed., May 6

1935 40,000 Pacific Northwest Lumber strike begins, after 13 weeks is successful

Important Dates

Thur., May 7

**1917 52nd Russian regiment refuses
to go to front in WWI and arrests its
officers**

Fri., May 8

Sat., May 9

Sun., May 10 ● Mother's Day

**1872 Victoria Woodhull, publisher
of the first English edition of
Communist Manifesto, becomes
1st woman nominated for US President**

Mon, May 11

Important Dates

1967 One student killed and two wounded as cops fire into a crowd at Jackson State, GA

Tues., May 12

1918 Julius Rosenberg is born, who was executed in 1953 as a atomic spy

1898 US bombards Puerto Rico in San Juan

Wed., May 13

1985 Philadelphia police drop bomb on Black radical MOVE house

Important Dates

**1961 Freedom Riders' bus is bombed
and burned**



**1969 6000 protest People's Park
closure, cops shoot James Rector
Reagan sends in National Guard**



Sat., May 16

Thur., May 14

Fri., May 15

Sun., May 17

Mon, May 18

Important Dates

Tues., May 19

**1920 Coal Co. thugs kill 10
strikers at Matewan, W. Va.
turned into movie Matewan**

1925 Malcolm X born

**1863 U.S. Grant issues the
National 8-hour work day law**

Wed., May 20

**1964 IWW wins free speech
fight, Roosevelt Univ., Chicago**

Important Dates

Thur., May 21

**1971 American Indian Movement activists
occupy Naval Air Station near
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**1972 170 protestors arrested in
Washington DC as 7,000 rally against
the war in Southeast Asia**

Fri., May 22

Sat., May 23

Sun., May 24

**1903 Child textile workers strike in
Philadelphia**

**1968 4 protestors jailed for 6 yrs.
for pouring blood on draft cards**

Mon, May 25 ● Memorial Day

Important Dates

Tues., May 26

Wed., May 27

Important Dates

Thur., May 28

Fri., May 29

**1851 Sojourner Truth delivers her
Ain't I a Woman speech at the Womans
Convention in Akron, Ohio**

Sat., May 30

Sun., May 31

Party of Communists USA
— PCUSA —



Prologue: Report of the General Secretary by Angelo D'Angelo

For those who fight on the progressive side of human affairs, the struggles present their own awards and honors. And at critical turning points history presents its awards of approval. Holding our Inaugural Congress here in New York at Arrow Park, the home of the American-Russian Organization of Workers (AROW) is such an award; such an honor. It is history's recognition of approval. It is also history's way of tweaking the nose of the corporate structure.

Ninety-three (93) years ago the corporate establishment saw a specter. U.S. capitalism mobilized for all-out war against it. They pulled out all the stops to prevent the birth of a working class revolutionary party that advocated socialism. They mobilized the police force and the courts. They trained a stable of provocateurs and stoolpigeons. They launched the most intensive and vile campaign of slander and falsehoods. They passed laws making Marxist thought illegal. They sent hundreds to prison, conducted mass raids, deported thousands and created a caste system of unemployables. They promoted and pushed racism on a mass scale. And yes, they murdered and maimed.

In spite of all their efforts, 93 years ago a group of heroic men and women - the best thinkers, the most advanced revolutionary minds - gathered in Bridgman, Michigan to attend a convention of the newly born Communist Party. This was a bold move. It was a small gathering. But the capitalist class saw it as the handwriting on the wall. They attacked with full force - federal, state, and city - the FBI, the police. The Mayor of Bridgman joined the vigilantes. They arrested the leaders and confiscated the draft resolutions. They celebrated, believing that the specter was buried in the sand dunes near

Bridgman, Michigan.

After 93 short years, after McCarthy, the Smith Act, the Communist Control Act, after Leavenworth, Atlanta, and Terre Haute - here we are - at Arrow Park. We are here because the Communists are on the progressive side of human affairs, on the working side of the class struggle. This is a special - most glorious occasion, as the PCUSA continues the tradition of American Communists who formed a party in September, 1919.

American Communists came into existence as a party, at a turning point in world affairs and in the international working-class movement, created by the development of imperialism, the catastrophic First World War, and the outbreak of the great Russian Revolution that gave birth to the first workers' socialist state, the Soviet Union. These history-making events affected every part of the world, including the United States. These events had their influence on, and contributed to the founding of a Communist Party.

Contrary to the red-baiting slander, American Communists formed a Party that was not formed from "the outside." It was created by the conditions and the world forces within our own country. It was a response to the sufferings caused by WW I, of the masses of our people. It was a response to the corporate juggernaut of exploitation, to racism, high prices and lowered living standards - all while the bankers and industrialists made fabulous profits. The war and the economic conditions led to big strikes, mass discontent and growing radicalism. Capitalism was leading the United States into a dead-end alley.

Our origins really date far back to the first Marxist groups formed in the 1850's. The early Marxists helped nominate Abraham Lincoln as a candidate for the presidency, fought in the Civil War, prodded Lincoln to a bolder strategy in organizing African-Americans of the North and removing the racist obstacles to their full participation in the Civil War; they also helped to work out a strategy which hastened the victory and crushed the rebel-lion of the slaveholders. In fact, Joseph Weydemeyer was a General in the Union Army and was a member of the International Workingman's Association who corresponded with Karl Marx.

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The work of Communists, despite severe repression and periods of illegality, has been considerable. There is not a single important issue or struggle since 1919 that the Communists have failed to take part in or to lead. Communists helped bring about unemployment insurance through tremendous mass struggles. We were in the forefront in the fight for Social Security. Communists contributed to the movement and tactics of the CIO for the organization of the 'un-organized' in the basic mass production industries. We have fought in the civil rights battles against racist oppression of Black Americans, Chicanos, and other oppressed nationalities.

We fought to save Republican Spain from Franco fascism. The majority of the 1,500 U.S. volunteers who died on that battlefield were Communists. We fought against the fascist threat to our country by the Nazis, who were aided by the most reactionary sections of U.S. monopoly capital. And we fought side-by-side with our countrymen in the war against Hitler fascism and Japanese imperialism.

We made contributions to the struggles for the independence of Cuba and Angola, China, and the Philippines, Nicaragua, and Puerto Rico, and all who fight to break the stranglehold of U.S. imperialism. We participated in the struggles against U.S. aggression in Korea and Vietnam, Nicaragua, El Salvador, S. Africa, Angola, and Mozambique, and generally in the intense struggles of our people to defeat McCarthyism and defend the democratic rights of all Americans.

In all of these, and other significant daily struggles of our people, Communists have been, and are diligent, heroic, earnest, and intelligent forefront fighters. We can truly be proud of our history.

Government bodies are in a state of paralysis. The two parties of Big Business are in disarray. The U.S. trade balance continues heavily on the deficit side. The economy suffers from a mixture of short range cyclical and long-range chronic problems like income disparity and a worldwide crisis of over-production. There continues to be a deterioration in not only the overall structural framework of United States capitalism, but a worldwide capitalist structural crisis fueled by over-production. There is a new spontaneous explosiveness among the masses that keeps surfacing, even in unexpected sectors, among immigrants, and the Occupy movement. There is much

confusion and the developments are uneven. But the overwhelming sentiment of the people is anti-corporate and anti-establishment. The people rate the president and the presidency at an all-time low. This is but a reflection of the fact that the public is giving the lowest possible ratings to corporations, to Congress, to federal, state, and local governing bodies. Further, they are increasingly giving a low rating to the whole capitalist system.

Excluding the corporate executives, of course, there is a shift in a radical direction. It is a growing mood that reflects a declining confidence in the system. There is a growing mood for more than the usual run-of-the-mill reforms. It is a shift toward support for more basic radical structural changes. The mood is now overwhelmingly and solidly anti-corporate, anti-monopoly and anti-state.

We are again living at one of those major crossroads. State monopoly capitalism has developed to a level where the usual reform measures have little effect and the anti-monopoly movements have not yet reached a level where they can compel more radical measures.

To this point, the responses of state monopoly capitalism - in spite of the crises - are measures that are at the expense of the people, and policies that continue to feed and fatten the corporate golden calf.

We are in a period when masses have lost confidence in the old ruling structure, including the two old parties, but have not yet placed their trust in new political formations. We are at a moment when the majority are dissatisfied and are not willing to go along with the way things are, but not yet clear how things should be. We are in a phase where the masses are angry and ready for action, but are not yet clear as to how and where to direct their anger. This is manifested in the campaigns of Donald Trump from the right, and Bernie Sanders from the left.

As we all know, the Republican and Democratic Parties represent and work for the basic interests of capital, the large stock-holders of General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. This is their sole purpose in life. We in the PCUSA represent and work for the workers of GM, Ford, and Chrysler, and the other large capitalist

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conglomerates. What irony - that the big three automakers received a “bailout” from the taxpayers at the same time they were closing unionized assembly and parts plants, and demanding huge takeaways from the workers, replacing defined pension benefit plans with 401 (k) plans.

The Republicans and Democrats will say the corporations have a right to make a profit, and therefore the right to close plants and relocate them because they don't produce maximum profits. We say private corporate profits are not a right, any more than is highway robbery. We say there is only one fundamental right, and one responsibility. That is for the workers and their families to be able to live - feed and clothe their families, and to be able to send their children to school. There is nothing in life that can supersede that.

Moreover, we are proud of the fact that the PCUSA is part of the world Communist movement, which now exists in over 100 countries. Marxist-Leninists are the greatest political force in the world because they are on the right side of history. We therefore call for an international ideological conference with the widest possible participation to develop an international position with regard to Marxism-Leninism and the struggle against imperialism, most especially U.S. imperialism. We believe that without a strong Marxist-Leninist party of the working class in the USA this task will be formidable. We will need the assistance of all Communist Parties that believe as we do. We will need to hear comrades' ideas and experiences so that we can implement an effective class struggle strategy for the USA. We will need to link the struggles of American workers with the world and reverse the damage done by the theory of American exceptionalism.

The PCUSA is a party of the class that is on its way up because we have the science of Marxism-Leninism to guide us. We are for a socio-economic system that will put an end to exploitation of the workers - forever; an end to plant closings, job insecurity, and unemployment - forever; an end to war and war production - forever. How this works can be explained as follows: “To each according to human contribution is a principle of distribution considered to be one of the defining features of socialism. It refers to an arrangement whereby individual compensation is reflective of one's contribution to the social product (total output of the economy) in terms of effort, labor and productivity. This is held in contrast to the method of distribution and compensation in capitalism, where those who own private property receive unearned income in the form of interest, rent, or profit by virtue of ownership

irrespective of their contribution to the social product.” We understand the scientific analysis by Marx: “In a higher phase of communist society, after the enslaving subordination of the individual to the division of labor, and therewith also the antithesis between mental and physical labor, has vanished; after labor has become not only a means of life but life’s prime want; after the productive forces have also increased with the all-around development of the individual, and all the springs of co-operative wealth flow more abundantly—only then can the narrow horizon of bourgeois right be crossed in its entirety and society inscribe on its banners: From each according to [human] ability, to each according to [human need]. *[Marx, Critique of the Gotha Programme, 1875] Stalin’s most famous use of the concept is in the 1936 Soviet Constitution. There it is written that “The principle applied in the U.S.S.R. is that of socialism: “From each according to [human] ability, to each according to [human] work.” It is especially noteworthy that Stalin’s formulation says the principle of socialism, and not full communism.” That is why we are for socialism at this point in the development of society. We seek a change from capitalism to socialism. Socialism is a temporary stage of development, a necessary transition on the road to Communism and the complete liberation of the working class. That is why we are Communists! Long live the PCUSA! Long live the proletarian revolution!



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Mon, Jun. 1

Important Dates

1909 NAACP formed by Web DeBois and others

1914 80 militiamen board a train as reinforcement for US invasion of Veracruz, Mexico

Tues., Jun. 2

Wed., Jun. 3

Important Dates

**1969 Black Panther Party Liberation
school is founded**

Thur., Jun. 4

Fri., Jun. 5

Sat., Jun. 6

Sun., Jun. 7

**1997 7 arrested at pro-nuclear
Bradbury museum for hading
out Bill of Rights in NM**

Mon, Jun. 8

Important Dates

Tues., Jun. 9

Wed., Jun. 10

**1924 1000's protest Sacco and
VanZetti's conviction**

Important Dates

Thur., Jun. 11

Fri., Jun. 12

Sat., Jun. 13

Sun., Jun. 14

**1971 50 activists occupy deserted
missile site in Richmond, CA**

Mon, Jun. 15

Important Dates

Tues., Jun. 16

Wed., Jun. 17

**1876 Spiritual vision of Crazy Horse
led to Sun Dance of 10,000 persons**

Important Dates

Thur., Jun. 18

1964 Civil Rights Act passed

Fri., Jun. 19

Sat., Jun. 20 ● Summer Solstice

**1995 Klan burns church in
Greeleyville, SC**

Sun., Jun. 21 ● Father's Day

Mon, Jun. 22

Important Dates

1943 34 die in race riot in Detroit

1969 Cuyahoga River catches fire in Ohio, spurring efforts to clean up water pollution

Tues., Jun. 23

1942 The first selections are made for the gas chambers at Auschwitz upon a traincar of Parisian Jews

Wed., Jun. 24

1924 40,000 NY clothing workers go on strike

Important Dates

Thur., Jun. 25

**1892 Carnegie Steel workers in
Homestead, PA begin a 5 month
strike**

**1975 FBI attack Pine Ridge Reservation
leaving 1-Indian dead and 2 FBI agents
Leonard Peltier is framed**

Fri., Jun. 26

Sat., Jun. 27

Sun., Jun. 28

**1969 Stonewall Riots begins
in NYC, gay rights movement**

Mon, Jun. 29

Important Dates

1972 Supreme Court bans death penalty, as cruel and unusual punishment. Later it reversed

Tues., Jun. 30

1986 Supreme Court rules that states can outlaw consensual homosexual acts

Wed., Jul. 1

1970 Women Against Daddy Warbucks destroy 1-A files in eight NYC draft boards

Why is Communist Activism important?



The success of a movement relies heavily on its revolutionary theory and education, but without the physical practice the movement would not survive. So it is important for every movement, political party, group, etc. to be physically involved in their beliefs. Communist activism is one of the pillars of keeping the movement going.

For every dedicated open communist to practice the theory they learned, they must mingle with the proletariat, they must see their struggles and assist to organize powerful fights for their interests. A communist must rally, they must educate, they must reach out to the masses on a one-to-one level, they must do what is needed to advance the fight for proletarian liberation. That said, a communist must study how to be an activist, they must work on reaching out to their people. The LYCUSA website has a Guide to Activism that goes over important subjects of activist work done by communist activists in the rank and file of the LYCUSA and PCUSA. It is a good guide to study from, but study means nothing without application. So take what you learn from the guide, and apply it based on what you see effective in your area.

Guide to Activism

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The information on this page is for educational purposes to train young communists and new members of the party who have never done activist work before. Activism is very important for any political organization. It is important to give training in one form or another to those involved in the political work of the organization.

On this page are tips and advice from experienced activists in the PCUSA and LYCUSA. These can be very useful for comrades to spread Party influence and its ideology, and to build local clubs as footholds of hegemony.

The following information is on five forms of activism that comrades can take part in: Tabling, leaflet making, rallying & protests, propaganda campaign, club & community activities.

Tabling:

Tabling is rather easy. One just needs to make sure that the following steps are in place.

1. Permission.

Permission is important. Its best to have approval to set up a table when expecting to be sitting at a location for a long period of time. This means that if your plan is to set up a table at a park, or on private property, it is best to obtain permission to be there. Based on personal experience, it is best to get the approval in writing, just in case something happens which puts your approval in question. If you want to set up a table at a college or university, it's much easier than trying to set one up at a park or on private property. It is possible to set up a table at a private residence, however for reasons of safety and security, this is not recommended.

2. Table, Chairs, and Other Materials.

If you are going to table anywhere, it is best to have a table, chairs, and materials for the table. You can get a foldable table and foldable chairs from almost anywhere, E-bay for example. It's best to get a 5 to 6 feet, center-fold, portable table. This type of table is best for easy transportation and setup. Foldable chairs are good too for the same reason. Personal addition would be a red table cloth which makes the table look attractive. Other materials are Party materials, such as leaflets, books, and other information for distribution. These materials are what gets our information and influence

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out to the public. Another personal addition I would highly recommend is investing in a canopy. Rain is often unpredictable, and too much exposure to the sun is dangerous. Canopies can also be purchased relatively cheaply on-line.

Suggested Party Material for Tabling available from National Office:

- 1: Why Communism? By M. J. Olgin.
- 2: The Worker, PCUSA Party Newspaper.
- 3: Labor Today, Labor United in Class Struggle Newspaper.
- 4: Black and Red: The Role of Communists in the Black Liberation Movement (PCUSA publication.)
- 5: Lies Concerning the History of the Soviet Union by Mario Sousa.
- 6: PCUSA Brochures.
- 7: LYCUSA Brochures.
- 8: LUCS (Labor United in Class Struggle) Brochures.
- 9: The Communist View of Women's Struggles (PCUSA leaflet.)
10. MPD Brochures

Other Recommended Party Material for Tabling:

- 1: Club made, or member made leaflets that are approved by the Politburo of the Party.
- 2: All types of Marxist-Leninist literature, for example,

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Foundations of Leninism by Joseph Stalin.

3: PCUSA buttons and pens, and other communist paraphernalia.

4: Always have a sign-in sheet for any people interested in the party, and that wish to be contacted by the party.

3: Safety.

Safety should be a prime focus for any activist activity members are involved in. This means, for tabling, never set up in a location where your personal safety is put in question. This means never setup outside a bar, never setup in a location at night or is isolated and/or dark, and never setup in a dominantly right-wing area where the possibility of being jumped is high. Regarding tabling by yourself or with another comrade, it is highly recommended that members never table by themselves. The benefit of having two comrades tabling together is in case one does get harmed, the other can call 911, record the event and document the incident. Or one of the comrades can get a Conceal Carry License (CCL) or permit to carry pepper spray which can be used for self-defense.

Leaflet Making:

Leaflet making is very effective. It gets our members involved in producing propaganda for the Party. Making leaflets for your local area is good because no one understands your area better than you and the local comrades. Leaflets can be very detailed or simplistic. The point is to get the message out. You can make leaflets using Word.doc or PDF format, etc. It may require assistance from experienced graphic designers to make a detailed leaflet for your activity.

You can make leaflets explaining the club's beliefs and aims, or on the power of unions to agitate workers to unionize. Leaflets can be made on the achievements of socialism as a recruitment tool to interest people in socialism and communism. The ideas for leaflets are exhaustive. However, we must stress that any and all leaflets made must be approved by the party Politburo, otherwise false information can be spread around that can harm the Party as a whole.

Rallying and Protests:

Rallying, joining or organizing protests is a very easy and fun activist activity that can be done by every club member. In most cases permits are not required unless your activity is on private property. Simply walking on the sidewalk can't get you in trouble so long as you are peaceful and break no laws. However, such actions require caution. Depending on your city and/or area, law enforcement may follow and harass you.

Rally and Protest Material:

With any rally or protest, the Party message needs to be delivered. The first question is what kind of materials are needed? Such materials should be:

- 1: A flag and/or banner of your organization or banner with the message you are trying to promote.
- 2: Signs with a Party message regarding the issue being protested over.
- 3: Appropriate Party leaflets (propaganda).
- 4: A megaphone to communicate with those assembled or broadcast Party messages and/or chants. It's important to note some jurisdictions have regulations on sound.

Safety: Safety is the highest priority when engaging in political activity, including but not limited to, rallying, protesting, or tabling. Some of the safety measures involve location, time and self-defense. Each of which will be explained in their own individual points.

Location: When dealing with rallies or protests, location is important. A rally or protest should never be held in an area where your political opposition is concentrated, unless the club is part of a larger coalition with sufficient numbers. It's best to rally or protest in areas where the club has the support

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from like-minded people; for example, rallying for higher wages or at union rallies, in predominantly working class or impoverished neighborhoods. It must be understood that rallies and protests should never take place on private property without permits. This can not only have a negative effect on the Party. It can also be incredibly dangerous, and mean jail time for members of the Party, something we should avoid at all costs.

Time: Time is important. Planning the date and time that events are to take place is crucial. When events are planned during the day, it is easier for there to be a lot of traffic to get your message out, and for people to be able to attend the event without having to worry about responsibilities at home. Another reason it's important not to hold political events at night is because poor visibility makes it easy for your political opponents to commit acts of violence against you without witnesses.

Self-Defense: Self-defense is important for all activist events, because anything can happen during an event. It's best for any comrades at the event to take charge of recording hostile acts against you or your club members so that evidence can be gathered. It is also important for larger events, to designate a member to be what is historically called in the Communist Party, a "Marshal." The job of a Marshal is to be dressed in normal street clothing, to blend in with the outer crowd, and watch over the event for potential provocations. Marshals are the guardians during events. If any hostility breaks out between a political opponent and a member of the crowd, the Marshals rush in to separate the conflict and inform the authorities, or if necessary use pepper spray during difficult situations. It is important that any open communist comrade try to protect their personal safety. We recommend that if you do not have a record, inquire into getting a permit to carry pepper spray, or a concealed weapon, and attend the self-defense classes. Martial arts classes can be very helpful in addition to the classes in self-defense.

Flag Pole: Making a cheap and easy flag pole to carry your flag at rallies or protests is possible for pretty much anyone. Below is a diagram you can use for making your own.

Weather: It's best to always keep watch over the weather. Never rally or protest with a possible rain storm, or excessive heat (unless water and sunscreen is carried for hot days.) On hot days, stay hydrated.

Propaganda Campaign:

One of the big ways to spread our Party and beliefs around is with propaganda/agitprop campaigns.

You can find PCUSA propaganda (like those in the picture above) on the PCUSA website under the Brochure & Propaganda section.

Producing Inexpensive and Easy Propaganda:

Making propaganda to hang up around your town is easy! The pictures above are an example of what comrades can do. Take some of our Party propaganda that is posted online on our Facebook pages or in the gallery/photo section of our PCUSA and LYC websites, and put them in to a Word.doc file, minimize to a small enough size which can hold more than 2 on one page (but still large enough to be read clearly), print, and cut out. This is an easy way to mass produce inexpensive propaganda pieces which can be displayed around your local area. You can print them out in color or in black and white. Black and white (grayscale) is cheaper.

What to Hang up Your Propaganda With:

Here are a few methods of what you can use to hang up your newly produced propaganda pieces: 1.) Wheat paste: uses a gel like adhesive product made from wheat, flour or starch and water. One coat is applied to the surface, then another coat over the artwork. to dry and act as a waterproof shield. NOTE: If using wheat paste, never put on private property without approval. 2.) Tape: Clear, strong sticking tape is a cheap and easy adhesive. From personal experience, what we have found is that strong sticking clear tape, taped on to a metal street pole for example, sticks well to the pole, and when the sun beats down on it, it makes the adhesive even harder to remove. The tape, if strong sticking, also protects the propaganda piece, from water damage due to rain. Never try to tape up a leaflet or propaganda piece on to wet metal! It won't stick. 3.) Staples: This method works best on wood, for

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example, electric poles, usually in neighborhoods. The problem with this method is the leaflets are easy to rip off and Rain will certainly ruin your propaganda piece as well.

Locations to Hang up Your Propaganda Pieces:

The best place to hang up your propaganda is in areas of high traffic, and areas where people will sympathize with your beliefs. The best places to hang signs and leaflets is on metal street poles, wooden electric poles, park benches, on public pay phone booths, laundromat bulletin boards and other areas. Never hang signs or leaflets on private property, on street signs, or anywhere which can cause legal issues.

Times to Hang up Your Propaganda:

You could hang up propaganda around your area at pretty much any time of day or night, depending on your city and possible curfews or danger during specific times. During day is fine, but it makes the public see who is hanging up the propaganda and can lead to possible conflict or a political opponent following you and ripping down your propaganda. What worked for us in our community was night runs, which were when the comrades would head out early in the morning and hit whole blocks with our propaganda, finishing before sunrise. This worked best because most of the city was asleep. We advise that it's best to have at least two or more comrades follow you during a night run for safety purposes. Also, for reasons of personal safety, comrades should never go to high crime neighborhoods or known gang territories.

Other Forms of Propaganda:

Other forms of propaganda can include, but are not limited to, banners, leaflets, educational notes about the achievements of socialism. There are many other ideas, which can be considered propaganda for campaigns.

Club and Community Activities:

PCUSA club activities can be a good activist activity that gets the PCUSA name out in the community to those interested in our beliefs. Activities such as public study groups, communist open public movie events, club rallies, holding a club sponsored free drink table, and so on are good ways to spread

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influence, and recruit.

Community activities are not specifically club activities, but this does not mean the club cannot be publicly involved in these activities. If anything, it helps show the community we actively care about them and fight for them. Such community activities can include community service volunteerism like cleaning up pollution, helping the homeless and the needy with food or necessity supplies, and organizing community outreach programs. Club activity in the community shows a material commitment: that the Party is here to assist and care for the community.

I hope all this information serves you well in your future activist work for the PCUSA and LYCUSA.



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Important Dates

1951 Sylvia Rivera born, trans-woman feminist fought for gender/queer equality after Stonewall Riot



Thur., Jul. 2

Fri., Jul. 3

Sat., Jul. 4

1971 AIM occupies Mt. Rushmore

Sun., Jul. 5

1934 San Francisco police machine gun striking longshore workers

Mon, Jul. 6

Important Dates

**1887 US backed militia force
King of Hawaii to sign constitution
stripping natives of rights**

Tues., Jul. 7

**1998 500,000 oppose privatization
largest protest ever in Puerto Rico**

Wed., Jul. 8

**2010 Police found not guilty
of murder for shooting Oscar
Grant, touching off protests
in Oakland**

**2016 1000 shut down freeway
in Oakland to protest police
killing of Alton Sterling and
Philando Castile**

Important Dates

Thur., Jul. 9



Fri., Jul. 10

Sat., Jul. 11

Sun., Jul. 12

1968 AIM established

**1904 Pablo Neruda born
Chilean poet & communist**

Mon, Jul. 13

Important Dates

**1934 Southern Tenant Farmers
Union formed**

Tues., Jul. 14



Wed., Jul. 15

**1978 Longest Walk, 30,000
Native Americans and others
enter DC after crossing the
country**

Important Dates

Thur., Jul. 16

Fri., Jul. 17

Sun., Jul. 19



Sat., Jul. 18

**1879 Rose Pastor Stokes born,
radical, sentenced to 10 years
for writing anti-war letter**

Mon, Jul. 20

Important Dates

1970 First child born on Native American occupied Alcatraz

Tues., Jul. 21

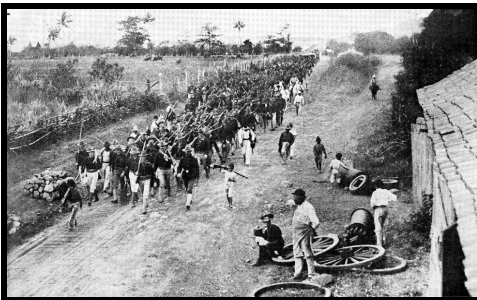
Wed., Jul. 22

Important Dates

Thur., Jul. 23

**1877 Racist anti-Chinese riots
begin in San Francisco, 6 killed**

**2011 Protest in Clifton, NJ over shooting
over harmless black bear**



Fri., Jul. 24

Sat., Jul. 25

Sun., Jul.26

**1898 Occupation Day landing of
US Troops in Puerto Rico**

Mon, Jul. 27

Important Dates

Tues., Jul. 28

**1915 Haitians revolt and US
Marines invade and take
control of government**

Wed., Jul. 29

Important Dates

Thur., Jul. 30



Fri., Jul. 31

Sat., Aug. 1

**1837 Mother Jones is born,
co-founder of IWW as well as a
teacher, and labor organizer**

Sun., Aug. 2

**1924 James Baldwin is born,
queer black author**

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PREAMBLE

The Party of Communists USA (PCUSA) is the political party of the working class and is dedicated to the interests of all working people, and all oppressed peoples. Its aim is a socialist society, on the road to building communism.

That social system will act in the interests of the people and the planet rather than for the profit of capitalist corporations. Only through abolition of the capitalist system and the socialist reorganization of society can exploitation of one human being by another be ended, and with it the evils of oppression, war, racism, misogyny, and poverty, and environmental destruction.

Capitalist “democracy” is based on the domination of our economic and political life by the owners of the multinational and other large monopoly corporations; this will be replaced by socialist reorganization of society based on the public ownership and operation of the means of production, within a state led by the working class. Socialism will initiate the end to the system of private profit and build support for a new worldwide social and economic system based on peace and equality.

Socialism will be the start of educating the U.S. Population on the national question and the origins of national and the racial oppression for the Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Native American, Asian-Pacific and all other nationally oppressed people, and immigrants. Party involvement in the struggle for equality of the oppressed nationalities, the special oppression of women, and the struggle against discrimination, abuse, and harassment of the LGBT+ community will unite the whole working class. The heart of the day-to-day program of the PCUSA is the struggle for peace, democracy, equality, against racism and misogyny, and for improvement in the living conditions of all working people, manifested in the support of struggles of oppressed peoples’ struggles worldwide for national liberation and self-determination, and against imperialist aggression, and for the peaceful coexistence between states with different social systems.

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The fight of workers for jobs and full employment, improvement of their living and working conditions, for organizing the unorganized and defending their unions against attacks by monopoly capital and its bourgeois government is the fight of our Party.

The struggle for the equality of Black people and against racism and white supremacy is essential to all social progress. It is key to the fighting unity of the working class, and for the struggle of the equality, and all other oppressed nationalities. The fight of the Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Native American, Asian-Pacific and other oppressed nationalities, for the full economic, political, social equality, and Multi-Racial unity, is the goal of the PCUSA.

The fight for the full equality of women is also the struggle of the whole Party. Women constitute one-half of the population; but are treated worse than second class citizens. They are paid less for the same work a man does; have fewer avenues for advancement in their jobs; and are exploited by the capitalist system that attempts to put on them all the financial burden and onerous responsibility of housework, reproduction (raising children) & eldercare. The struggle for women is ultimately tied with the struggle for the family, with demands for affordable housing, free quality healthcare, unrestricted access to birth control and abortion, better education for children, child care, paid mandatory maternity and paternity leave of 6 years, paid family sick leave and guaranteed employment, equal wages and promotions for equal work, simpler food stamp (SNAP) qualifications as well as wages and social security for housework, child & eldercare.

The historic role of the working class determines the goals of the PCUSA. Our cause is the cause of all working people and therefore of all humanity. To this end, the PCUSA fights shoulder to shoulder with all who struggle for peace, democracy, equality, against racism, xenophobia, misogyny and anti-Semitism, homophobia and Transphobia, inclusive of the right of people to have their own gender identity and sexual orientation.

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Class Struggle involving the whole working class is what will move us from here to socialism.

Monopoly capital and the government it dominates continually press in a reactionary, repressive direction, curtailing the democratic rights of the people, and increasing the threat of fascism. Our Party continually fights against this danger to expand the democratic rights of the people.

All these struggles weaken capitalism, and particularly challenge the monopolies that dominate this system. They are also the struggles through which the necessary conditions are created for the working class and its allies to make advances through mass struggle with the goal of taking power and building socialism.

The working class is the only class capable of leading the people against capitalism and to socialism. It faces the capitalist class daily at the point of production and on all other fronts of class struggle. Because of our position in the system of production, our working class, through organization, have the greatest potential for taking political power.

The PCUSA is part of the working class, and a partisan of their interests. Through daily struggle, the PCUSA works to increase the class and socialist consciousness and the need for the political independence of the working class, to unite our class to defeat the main tools of capitalist division, racism and anti-communism. Our Party assists in bringing working people into the leadership of a growing All-People's Alliance with all class and social strata whose interests clash with those of the monopolies. Only such an All-People's Alliance, with the working class and Black people, and other oppressed nationalities at its core, can curb the power of the monopolies and open the path to the socialist reorganization of society. The PCUSA plays this leading role because it is based on scientific socialism, identified as Marxism-Leninism and its organizational principle of democratic centralism.

The PCUSA recognizes and fights for identity of interests among workers of all countries and for the right of oppressed people for

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self-determination, which is also in the true national interests of each country. In this spirit of working class internationalism, the PCUSA cherishes its solidarity with the world Communist movement and the socialist countries. It also strives for the closest bonds with the working class of the other capitalist countries.

In the struggle against U.S. imperialism, the world's most powerful and aggressive imperialism, our Party works to build the solidarity of the U.S. working class with the developing countries, the national liberation movements and especially with the victims of U.S. imperialist aggression, exploitation and domination. Only through this world working class solidarity and anti-imperialist unity can peaceful coexistence as outlined by Lenin and Stalin, be assured, and the world saved from nuclear war.



Mon, Aug. 3

Important Dates

Tues., Aug. 4

1919 15,000 silk workers begin strike in New Jersey for a 44-hour week

1985 Peace Ribbon made by thousands of women and wrapped around Pentagon

Wed., Aug. 5



1945 US drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima killing 130,000

Important Dates

Thur., Aug. 6

Fri., Aug. 7

**1890 Elizabeth Gurley Flynn born,
IWW organizer and rebel girl**

Sat., Aug. 8

Sun., Aug. 9

**2014 Unarmed Michael Brown
shot to death by police, launching
Black Lives Matter movement**

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Mon, Aug. 10

Important Dates

1997 9 activists detained for throwing red paint on a Trident nuclear submarine

1998 Formation of Minnehaha Free State in Minnesota, first US anti-road occupation

Tues., Aug. 11



Wed., Aug. 12

1898 Coal company guards kill 7 wound 40 miners trying to stop scabs in Virden, IL

Important Dates

Thur., Aug. 13

Fri., Aug. 14

Sat., Aug. 15

Sun., Aug. 16

Mon, Aug. 17

Important Dates

**1968 Riots break out in black
section of St. Petersburg, FL**

Tues., Aug. 18

Wed., Aug. 19

Important Dates

**1940 Leon Trotsky assassinated with
ice pick in Mexico**

Thur., Aug. 20

Fri., Aug. 21

Sat., Aug. 22

Sun., Aug. 23

Mon, Aug. 24

Important Dates

Tues., Aug. 25

1967 FBI circulates memo to “disrupt” Black Liberation groups, starting, COINTELPRO program

Wed., Aug. 26

1970 Alice Doesn't Day - women strike to demand reproductive freedom & end domestic violence

Important Dates

Thur., Aug. 27

Fri., Aug. 28

**1963 Martin Luther King Jr., leads
250,000 in civil rights march on
Washington, DC - I Have A Dream speech**

Sat., Aug. 29

Sun., Aug.30

**1786 Beginning of Shays' Rebellion
armed uprising of MA farmers vs.
debt and taxes**

Mon, Aug. 31

Important Dates

**1965 Pres. Johnson signs law
criminalizing destruction of
draft cards**

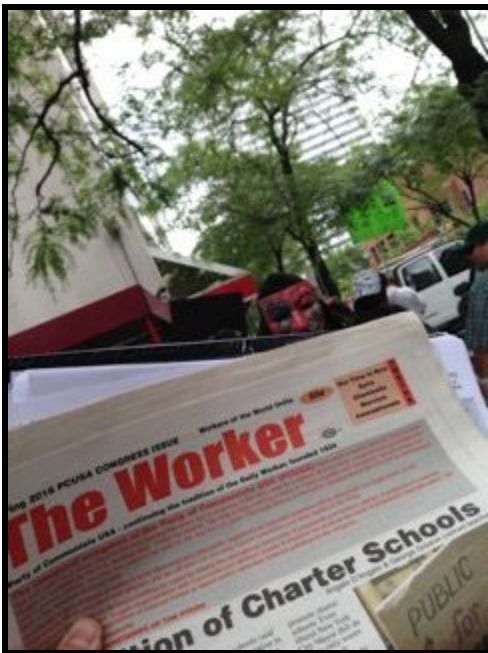
Tues., Sept. 1

Wed., Sept. 2

The Political Weapon of Literature in the Class Struggle

The reason that our Party places emphasis on publishing, selling and distributing political pamphlets, *The Worker*, periodicals, videos and books is to make our policy and program rouse the working people and the oppressed to action and to give them an understanding of the class struggle and the need for Socialism. In this course of action, we hope to win the most class-conscious and advanced workers to our Party.

In and of itself, the selling and/or distribution of *The Worker* is a political obligation on its own and should be taken as a given. *The Worker* gives the news and the everyday topics of concern to the working class and the oppressed, while our books, brochures, and pamphlets deal with specific and particular questions facing our class, i.e., Labor Today-Labor United in Class Struggle (LUCS) the Movement for People's Democracy (MPD), and U.S. Friends of the Soviet People, (USFSP).



However, our accomplishments are not won by relying on only one weapon, but the utilization of all our weapons. Each book, brochure, and leaflet has a critical role to play in our Party's fight for peace and justice, and in the struggle against racism and National Oppression.

The Districts and Clubs should be aware of the wealth of material available from our Party's "Red Star Publishers" in which a lot of our literature can be downloaded

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and printed. Our distribution should focus on the masses, and not other Leftist organizations, i.e., we don't need to "Speak to the Choir". Our focus should be on industrial concentration, and mobilize on localities that revolve around transportation, factories and the healthcare industry. The consistency of our distribution and developing interpersonal relationships is essential.

Whether the political weapon of our literature is effective or not depends on the extent which it is put into the hands of people around us and how they will identify us with the problems that they face for their daily survival under capitalism. There are times when a District or Club may decide that we can intervene more successfully in a mass organization, by the using the Movement for People's Democracy as a springboard for further progress in moving that organization to a place where they connect the single-issue priority of their organization, to other issues people are struggling against.

I would be remiss if the power of videos at our open meetings were not discussed here. For example, one of the ways we can demonstrate to potential members what real existing socialism was like, especially the strength of the U.S.S.R. in leading and guiding the World Communist Movement is by showing "Mission to Moscow" which undeniably is an inspiring message on the role of the Soviet Union in fighting Fascism as well as demolishing the myth of the "evil dictatorship" of Stalin. The video brings home the fact that there was a small gang of counter-revolutionaries in the Bolshevik Party that sought an alliance with the Nazis in order to take power by dividing up the Soviet Union and assassinating Stalin and the Bolshevik Party leadership.

Other examples include "Matawan", a docudrama about the fight to build the Mineworkers Union and the fight against racism. The protagonists in this video are Italian immigrants, Blacks from the south, and the Appalachian people who are indigenous to the area. The video vividly demonstrates the necessity of unity, and how working people overcame their own isolation in order to fight the coal bosses. The same can be said of "Salt of the Earth", which shows the fight of Mexican-Americans and Mexican-American women in particular in their efforts to destroy the myth

that a women's place is only in her home.

Districts and Clubs should access the PCUSA video and film archive so we can order videos and films to make the most of our political weapon.

The Responsibility of Club Leadership on Literature

The Club leadership, especially the education/literature Director needs to discuss each pamphlet or brochure, its political purpose, and how it can most effectively be used. The work of organizing the maximum distribution or sales of political literature is inseparable in order to display the public face of our Party.

We also need to download and distribute leaflets from the PCUSA on the topical and burning issues of the day, whether it be another police murder, an Imperialist provocation against Venezuela, an atrocity by Zionists against Palestinians, or a closing down of another factory. Sometimes we may not have "wait" for a demonstration to do this but can mobilize for distribution in a strategic area.

Tabling, and Street Sales:

Tabling: When the PCUSA is at an event focusing on a demonstration Comrades should have a table with our literature inclusive of the Worker, Labor Today, MPD, U.S. Friends of the Soviet People, books, pamphlets, leaflets, and voter registration forms. There should be at least two comrades manning the table.

Street sales: Comrades should distribute the Worker at mass events or an event sponsored by PCUSA, and if appropriate to the circumstances, a literature table.

PCUSA District and Clubs should strive to have an event at least once per month where a film, speaker, or panel discussion may be held.

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This is the ideal situation to present who we are and what we are about. In conclusion, organizing our printed material for dissemination is essentially propaganda and agitation that can stimulate discussion as well as political activity that is closely linked with recruiting to the PCUSA.



Important Dates

**1803 Prudence Crandall is born,
Abolitionist jailed for teaching
black students**



**1886 Legendary Apache leader
Geronimo surrenders at Skeleton
Canyon, AZ**

Sat., Sept. 5

**1877 Crazy Horse, defender of the
Lakota way of life, killed after
surrendering to US troops**

Thur., Sept. 3

Fri., Sept. 4

Sun., Sept. 6

**1869 Avondale Mine disaster
kills 110 leading to first mine
safety law in Pennsylvania**

Mon, Sept. 7 ● Labor Day

Tues., Sept. 8

Wed., Sept. 9

Important Dates

1936 Tasmanian tiger goes extinct



**1934 Sonia Sanchez is born,
Black radical poet**



Important Dates

Thur., Sept. 10

**1963 Alabama National Guard
escorts 20 African American
students to enter public school**

**1973 Democratically elected Allende
Chilean government overthrown by
CIA coup**

Fri., Sept. 11

**2001 2,976 killed when hijacked planes
crash into World Trade Center & Pentagon**

Sat., Sept. 12

Sun., Sept. 13

**1912 2,500 US Marines invade
Nicaragua**

Mon, Sept. 14

Tues., Sept. 15

Wed., Sept. 16

Important Dates

1990 Pentagon announces \$20 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia

1865 Pres. Andrew Jackson revokes distribution of land to freed slaves; returns 400,000 acres

1920 Hannie Schaft, born, communist resistance fighter in WWII



Important Dates

Thur., Sept. 17

**1868 Working Women's Association
formed in US**

**1879 Andrew "Rube" Foster, born,
father of Negro Baseball Leagues**

Fri., Sept. 18

**1982 Christian militia begin killing
600 Palestinian in Lebanon**

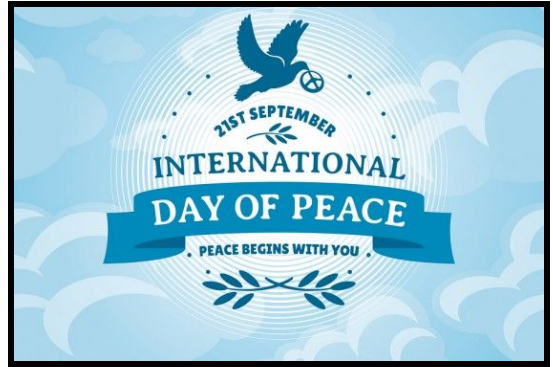
Sat., Sept. 19

Sun., Sept. 20

**1974 US intelligence sources reveal
that anti-Allende strikes were
bankrolled by the CIA**

Mon, Sept. 21 ● UN Intl. Day of Peace

Important Dates



Tues., Sept. 22 ● Autumn Equinox

1862 Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation

Wed., Sept. 23

Important Dates

Thur., Sept. 24

1957 11,000 troops escort 9 black students to integrate Central High in Little Rock, Arkansas

Fri., Sept. 25

1952 Cherrie Moraga born, Latina feminist writer

Sat., Sept. 26

Sun., Sept. 27

1937 Bessie Smith, dies after car wreck in Mississippi, denied service for being black

Mon, Sept. 28

Important Dates

Tues., Sept. 29

Wed., Sept. 30

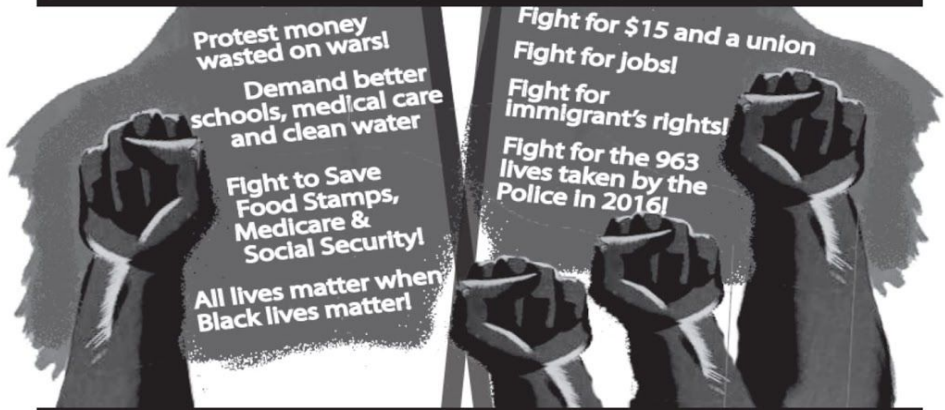
**1962 12,000 Federal troops
escort James Meredith to
register at U of Mississippi**



DONALD TRUMP- ENEMY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

STAND UP, FIGHT BACK!

Yes, Trump is a racist, sexist, anti-immigrant, anti-disabled, homophobic. Yes, Trump promises jobs, but only by further cutting the minimum wage. In the next 4 years, Trump along with Republicans in Congress, will vote to privatize (eliminate) social security, abolish SNAP (food stamps), and destroy environmental protections. How much more can we endure? But let's keep in mind Hillary Clinton supported mass incarceration, threatened war with Russia, and would have voted the same way, because all politicians represent the real enemy of workers: Capitalism



Workers have the right to safe working conditions, and jobs that treat them with dignity. It was not during the 1920's, but during the height of the Great Depression that workers organized into unions, got a 40-hour work-week, a decent wage, social security, free education, and unemployment insurance; showing that the economic change we seek comes from organizing. Only a united class-oriented democratic people's front has the power to fight the corporate interests of the 1%. We need to defend our rights, but continue to fight for higher wages, and social justice. In the long run, we need to struggle for Socialism, a society run by and for workers, not the super-rich Please join us!

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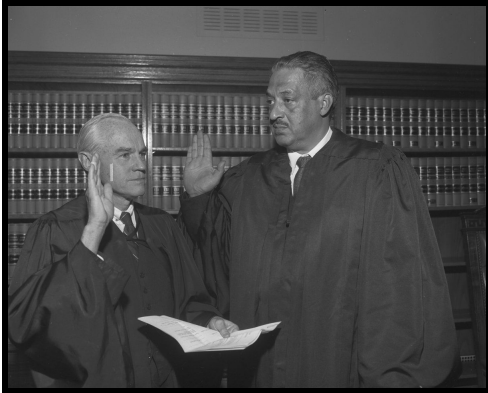
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Important Dates

Thur., Oct. 1 ● World Vegetarian day



**1967 Thurgood Marshall sworn in
as first African American Supreme
Justice**

Sat., Oct. 3

**2002 Trans-teen Gwen Araujo, trans-
bashed and killed in Newark, CA**

Fri., Oct. 2

Sun., Oct. 4

Mon, Oct. 5

Important Dates

Tues., Oct. 6

**1976 CIA sponsored terrorists
blow up Cubana Flight 455
killing all 73 people on-board**



Wed., Oct. 7

**2016 Washington Post publishes
Access Hollywood Trump pussy
grabbing tape**

Important Dates



1886 Haymarket Anarchists sentenced to death

1940 John Lennon born, anti-war activist and Beatles member

Sat., Oct. 10

Thur., Oct. 8

Fri., Oct. 9

Sun., Oct. 11

Mon, Oct. 12 ● Indigenous People’s Day

Important Dates

1898 Trainload of scabs driven from Virden, IL by striking miners in machine gun battle

Tues., Oct. 13

Wed., Oct. 14

Important Dates

Thur., Oct. 15

Fri., Oct. 16

Sat., Oct. 17

**1989 San Francisco Food Not Bombs
feeds earthquake survivors**

Sun., Oct. 18

Mon, Oct. 19

Tues., Oct. 20

Wed., Oct. 21

Important Dates

**1887 John Reed born, radical
journalist, author of *Ten Days
That Shook the World***



Important Dates

Thur., Oct. 22

Fri., Oct. 23

Sat., Oct. 24

Sun., Oct. 25

Mon, Oct. 26

Important Dates

Tues., Oct. 27

Wed., Oct. 28

Important Dates

Thur., Oct. 29

Fri., Oct. 30

Sat., Oct. 31 ● Halloween

Sun., Nov. 1 ● Daylight Savings ends

**1891 1000 Tennessee miners take over
1a mine & set free 500 convict miners
free**

What Dedication Means to Us

By Johnathon of the LYC

Since the fall of the Soviet Union the Communist movement faced decline for a time due to defeatist ideas floating around in the left. Nevertheless in recent years we've seen an influx of "Marxist" and of the left in general. While this is great on the surface this also has shown itself to have problems which must be addressed. Many of these newly founded communists lack the discipline required in the organization of our movement. Some reason for this range from some having a comfortable "middle" class life, to advocacy on the Internet but lack of real life organization, to ultra leftism and ideas of reaction. Nevertheless it's important to not down these potential comrades and to educate them to them to the fullest of our ability. In the wise words of comrade Angelo "it's the job of the younger generation to carry the torch of Marxism-Leninism, to fight for Socialism-Communism". If we are to do our mission we must educate even the most loosely allies and those who are willing to listen to us. While the problem of Dedication and discipline mostly lays with those who do not align themselves with the revolutionary movement, this problem can even be found within our ranks. For this reason we must fight this problem tooth and nail if we hope to organize a revolutionary Marxist movement.

In recent times I've found myself doing the best I could to find potential comrades within my rather small community. As is the usual with small communities it is rather right wing so even finding so much as left leaning is rather rare. With that said I had some luck when I met someone who was interested. After giving him some reading and education and slowly began to be more educated. All seemed well but when I joined the LYC he was rather reluctant to join himself. Some of his concerns were family related but I later came to find out the truth. He had been really close to the online community, talking and debating and that sort of thing. While this is not a terrible thing to and even partaken at times too it slowly became the only "communist" related thing he did, other then

reading. While he would pass The Worker with me, that was about it. You'd be hard pressed to find him at any party meetings and doing any work for the party. Getting him to pay dues was a chore and overall is what most would call a "armchair communist". One thing lead to another and moved and with that moving he simply moved on from his political affiliation. While I will admit his lack of commitment was not the only reason for his departure but make it all the easier. While this was hard on myself it taught me a lot about the current state of the left. As Angelo told me when I first joined "some come to the party looking to be apart of something but as many find they do not find the party life and leave, they come and go". Age I believe unfortunately plays a huge role in one's dedication. Young the comrade the more likely they will come and go and a natural state of immaturity. With that said not all younger comrades are this way and to my comrades who are younger you can always be different.

As we have seen in our history both in history of the American Communist movement and in the Soviet Union, that dedication has been shown as an important piece of a vanguard party. If it wasn't for the dedication of our Russian comrades of Petrograd in 1917 then there would have never been real existing socialism. If it wasn't for the dedication of our American comrades in 30's and after the 2nd Red scare then the party would have never grown to levels it did, scaring the American ruining class. So the importance of dedication cannot be understated. If we have any chance to expand the American communist movement then we must learn to be dedicated cadre ourselves.

At this point it must be defined what is communist dedication. Dedication of the Marxist type is dedication to the working class, to the movement, and to carrying the torch of Marxism-Leninism. So what does dedication to the working class mean? Well simply it means going down to the factory, workhouse, store,... etc and organizing the works. Working with the trade unions and workers organizations. Education of the worker in there exploiton and revolutionary theory, and most importantly remembering that we are not separate from the worker and we cannot

alienate ourselves. What about the movement? Well this is our ability to give ourselves to the party and to the advancement of our cause. Meaning we must be willing to do what must be done to advance our party and to strengthen our line. We cannot wait for someone to do it for us. Cadres must be selfless in party work and must follow through with the tasks they have been given or volunteered for. This also means following party line, even if you disagree with it. All comrades are given the chance to voice their opinion on a policy but once it is passed it must be carried out. Finally our great task of carrying the torch of Marxism Leninism. This falls under the other two categories we have talked about but most importantly expand our understanding of Marxism and how to run the party. The younger generation will one day be the leaders of the party and we must be ready for that. This also extends to our daily lives. We are always communist, not only at party meetings but at school, work, home or anywhere else we find ourselves. As Kim Il Sung said “he who takes a dogmatic attitude towards Marxism and foreign experience is not a genuine Marxist. He is a bogus Marxist”. This is our duty and if we fail to achieve it then how can we call ourselves communist?

So why do so many “communist” fail to do this? Well as Gus Hall said “those who come to us bring bourgeois baggage” meaning many of those who see the problems in our country typically come from more comfy middle class live compared to the working class. While these people see the issues they are quick to denounce us once anti communist propaganda plays its role. Many have ultra left and anti soviet tendencies, some homophobia. One reason for this problem is that we’ve so far failed to go to the workers and recruit them. The workers more than anyone else know the horrors of capital and it’s important a party of the working class consists of the working class. With that said we can’t just ignore those who have the potential to be help to us. Nevertheless our efforts must be focused on the workers and those who have shown themselves dedicated. Those who come to us must be given solid education in basic Marxism. This task should be given to a comrade who has a solid understanding of Marxism. Along with this is a basic understanding of history to help fight against the propaganda. Giving these comrades more one on one education and help, along with the People’s school and LYC study. We also must not get caught up on those who come and go. We must focus on those who stay

and want to help.

We cannot give up now. Imagine if Lenin had given up when he was sent into exile? The hard times are to come but if we are strong enough we will prove ourselves victorious. Socialism is the future of this country and communism is the future of the world but will not be given to us. Conditions are going from bad to worse and when a revolutionary situation is presented to ourselves we must be ready to fight. However most importantly we must carry the torch of Marxism-Leninism.



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Mon, Nov. 2

Important Dates

Tues., Nov. 3

**1987 Colin Kaepernick born
African American NFL player
took knee for national anthem
to protest racial injustice**

Wed., Nov. 4

Important Dates

Thur., Nov. 5

Fri., Nov. 6

**1855 US locomotive engineers organize
first national strike**

Sat., Nov. 7

Sun., Nov. 8

Mon, Nov. 9

Important Dates

2011 Occupy Cal begins at UC Berkeley

Tues., Nov. 10

Wed., Nov. 11 ● Veterans Day

Important Dates



2005 Timur Kacharava killed by fascists while serving Food Not Bombs in St. Petersburg, Russia

Thur., Nov. 12

Fri., Nov. 13

Sat., Nov. 14

1986 White House admits CIA secretly sold Iran weapons

Sun., Nov. 15

Mon, Nov. 16

Tues., Nov. 17

Wed., Nov. 18

Important Dates

2011 Occupy marchers pitch tent in lobby of Bank of America downtown San Francisco



1945 Wilma Mankiller born, first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation

Important Dates



2016 Police spray water on the Dakota Access Pipeline protesters in sub-freezing weather

Thur., Nov. 19

Fri., Nov. 20

Sat., Nov. 21

Sun., Nov. 22

Mon, Nov. 23

Important Dates

1903 Colorado governor sends the militia to Cripple Creek to break up miners strike

Tues., Nov. 24

1865 Mississippi passes Black Codes barring Blacks from juries, guns, and schools

1920 Last 33 conscientious objectors to WWI released from US prisons

Wed., Nov. 25 ● Intl. Day for Elimination of Violence to Women

Important Dates

Thur., Nov. 26 ● Thanksgiving

Fri., Nov. 27

Sat., Nov. 28

Sun., Nov. 29

**Intl. day of Solidarity with the
Palestinian People**

Mon, Nov. 30

Tues., Dec. 1 ● World AIDS day

Wed., Dec. 2

Important Dates



**1886 Rex Stout born, mystery
novel writer & ACLU organizer**

**1919 40,000 textile workers at
Fall River, MA strike for 25%
wage raise**

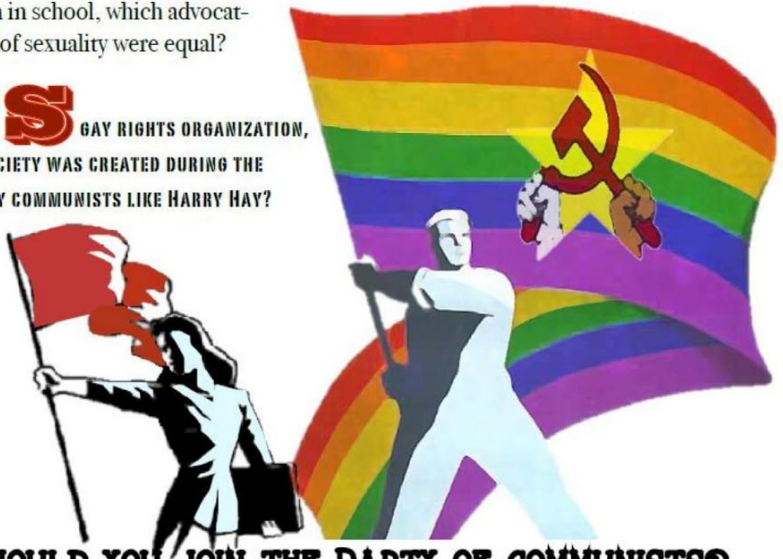
Do you know...

The **SOVIET UNION**
was the first country to decriminalize
homosexuality in 1917?

Cuba WAS ONE OF
THE 1ST COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE FREE
SEX CHANGE SURGERY IN 1982?

EAST GERMANY
(GDR) was the 1st country in the early
1960's to legalize "the pill" and to provide
sexual education in school, which advocat-
ed that all forms of sexuality were equal?

THE 1ST **US** GAY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION,
THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY WAS CREATED DURING THE
REPRESSIVE 1950's BY COMMUNISTS LIKE HARRY HAY?



WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE PARTY OF COMMUNISTS?

COMMUNISTS BELIEVE IN SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE! IN 29 STATES IT'S STILL LEGAL TO NOT
HIRE AND TO FIRE SOMEONE FOR BEING LGBTQ+; CAUSING LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS TO BE TWICE AS
LIKELY TO BE POVERTY-STRICKEN AND HOMELESS. WE NEED REAL PROGRESSIVE CHANGE: AN
END TO ALL DISCRIMINATION, POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS, AND WAR.

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PCUSA STATEMENT ON BERYLLIUM AND URANIUM EXPOSURE IN THE ARMS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY: A CLASS ORIENTED APPROACH IS NEEDED TO PROTECT WORKERS' HEALTH AND HALT WEAPONS PRODUCTION

Donald Trump's first Executive action was to de-regulate protections for workers. His outrageous Executive Order requiring elimination of two worker protections for every worker protection regulation that is added, is a clear, defining message from Trump that he is 100% in the pocket of big business and the arms manufacturers. One of the OSHA regulations that Trump and his anti-worker gang are trying to eliminate, is the OSHA standard that protects workers who work with the highly toxic substance, Beryllium.



Beryllium has many uses, particularly in weapons production. Beryllium is a metal that is lighter than aluminum, and stronger than steel. It is also highly toxic, and once workers are exposed to it, either through the air or through contact with the skin, Beryllium causes permanent, irreversible damage to the lungs and respiratory system. Beryllium exposure causes a condition known as Chronic Beryllium Disease (CBD) that is a debilitating disease of the lungs. Beryllium exposure in weapons production is accompanied by exposure to uranium, which has both chemical and radiological toxicity with the two important target organs being the kidneys and the lungs. Health consequences are determined by the physical and chemical nature of the depleted uranium to which an individual is exposed, and to the level and Duration of exposure.

SOURCE MATERIALS:

<http://www.who.int/ipcs/publications/cicad/en/cicad32.pdf?ua=1>

http://www.who.int/ionizing_radiation/pub_meet/en/DU_Eng.pdf

<https://beryllium.com/uses-and-applications/defense-and-security>

The two parties of monopoly capitalism, the Democrats and Republicans, worship war and military spending. Along the way,



they corrupt the minds of workers and promote hatred among peoples. It has been suggested that the leaders of these parties are addicts, that they are addicted to war. The truth is that the capitalist economic and social system that these parties represent cannot exist without war and conquest. As an alternative to capitalist barbarity, to save lives and protect workers' health, we call for a halt to all uses of beryllium and uranium forthwith.

The oxide of this chemical element is an excellent heat conductor as well as a good electrical insulator. It is often used as an insulator base plate, in high power transistors for telecommunication purposes. It is also used in ceramics and nuclear applications as it has a very high melting point. Research is going on to find the use of beryllium oxide in increasing the thermal conductivity of uranium dioxide nuclear fuel pellets.

*PCUSA does not see any benefit to the working class resulting from this costly and dangerous research.

The Peace & Solidarity Commission of PCUSA is addressing this problem because we maintain, based on scientific evidence, that beryllium and uranium exposure are *unnecessarily compromising workers' health*, and that arms production must be halted in the interests of peace, and the sustainability of life on earth. We call on all democratic, anti-imperialist forces to demand that the Trump administration reverse its Executive Order on de-regulation of worker health and safety, and we call on all trade unionists to join with the Labor United in Class Struggle caucus / Labor Today and the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) to launch a comprehensive, militant public safety awareness campaign on the dangers of beryllium and uranium exposure in the workplace. We believe that worker education and militancy are the best defense against the abuses of Executive power by Donald Trump.

If you are interested in joining our campaign against beryllium and uranium
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Important Dates

1921 Educator A. S. Neill establishes the Summerhill anti-authoritarian school

Alexander Sutherland Neill

- "The function of the child is to live his own life – not the life that his anxious parents think he should live, nor a life according to the purpose of the educator who thinks he knows best"
- Neill developed the Summerhill School to implement his ideas about school being for the children



1969 Black Panther leader, Fred Hampton, killed in his own bed by Chicago Police

Sat., Dec. 5

1959 Rosa Parks found guilty of siting white only section of bus. The Montgomery Bus Boycott begins

Thur., Dec. 3

Fri., Dec. 4

Sun., Dec. 6

Mon, Dec. 7

Important Dates

2014 3,000 Black Lives Matter protesters smash Berkeley cop cars in response to police brutality

Tues., Dec. 8

2010 In solidarity with Wikileaks Anonymous hacktivists shut down Visa & MasterCard websites

Wed., Dec. 9

1949 Chairman Thomas of the House Committee of Un-American activities convicted of fraud

Important Dates

**1924 Society for Human Rights
founded, first gay rights organization
in the US**



Thur., Dec. 10

Fri., Dec. 11

Sat., Dec. 12

Sun., Dec. 13

Mon, Dec. 14

Important Dates

**1972 Pres. Nixon authorizes
Christmas bombing of Hanoi**

Tues., Dec. 15

**1961 Attack dogs used on
non-violent black civil rights
demonstrators**



Wed., Dec. 16

Important Dates

Thur., Dec. 17
Intl. Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers

Fri., Dec. 18

Sat., Dec. 19

Sun., Dec. 20

**1876 Hannah Ocuish, age 12
youngest person hanged in US**

Mon, Dec. 21 ● Winter Solstice

Important Dates

**1866 Crazy Horse & Sioux
defeat US Cavalry in WY**

Tues., Dec. 22

Wed., Dec. 23

Important Dates

**1913 72 miners children killed in panic
caused by company stooge in Calumet, MI**



Thur., Dec. 24

Fri., Dec. 25 ● Christmas

Sat., Dec. 26 ● Kwanzaa begins

Sun., Dec. 27

Mon, Dec. 28

Important Dates

Tues., Dec. 29

Wed., Dec. 30

Important Dates

Thur., Dec. 31 ● New Years Eve

Fri., Jan. 1, 2021 ● New Years

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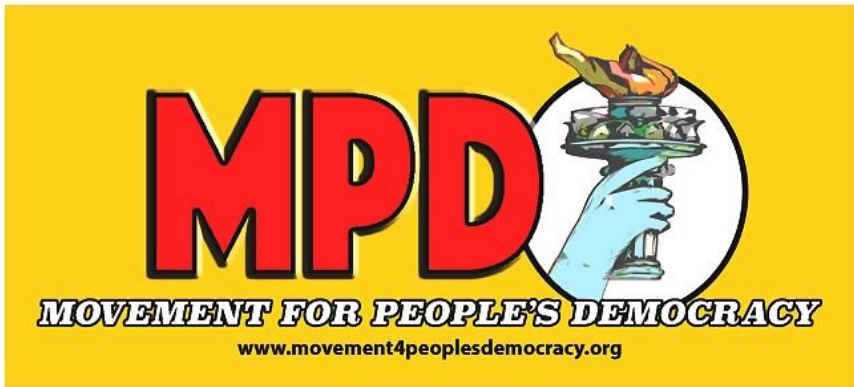
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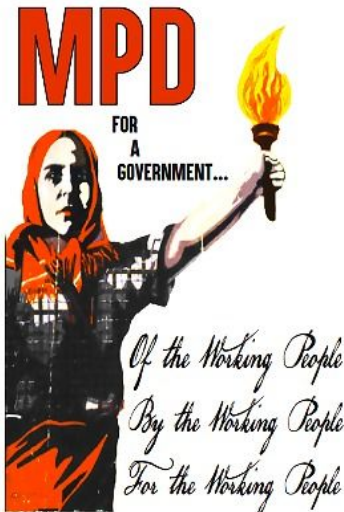


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Our History

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The League of Young Communists USA is the Communist Youth Organization of the Party of Communists USA.

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